

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment before the first Office Action.

Claims 1-14 have been cancelled since their subject matter is claimed in the parent application 10/038,845, leaving Claims 15-27 pending herein.

This divisional application is filed herewith following a restriction requirement in the parent case, 10/038,845, in which an election was made via facsimile on January 9, 2003 to restrict examination in the parent application to method claims 1-14.

The specification is amended to add the priority claim to the parent application 10/038,845.

The claims are amended to cancel claims 1-14, which have been examined in the parent case 10/038,845.

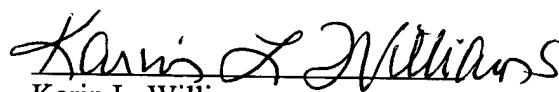
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits Claims 15-27 are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

FEES

If there are any fees due and owing in respect to this amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 50-1047.

Respectfully submitted,



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